

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Carol Ehrlich
Office of Administration
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Request Submitted Under the Freedom of Information Act

Dear Ms. Ehrlich:

This letter constitutes a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). The request is submitted on behalf of the Honorable Louise Slaughter, Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives and the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

We recently received information from the Department of Homeland Security pursuant to a February 15, 2005 FOIA request in which we requested all the Secret Service records pertaining to James Guckert and the policies that were relevant to his access to the White House. In reviewing the response we have a clarifying question that the request indicated your office could answer, and we seek the release of those records as described in the numbered paragraphs below.

1. In our FOIA request we asked for the names of the people that requested "temporary appointments" for Mr. Guckert and the times and dates he was allowed access. In the response we were informed that the US Secret Service only keeps records in the WAVES files for 60 days and then they are archived in the Executive Office of the President. Please disclose all records pertaining to the times and dates Mr. Guckert was cleared by the U.S. Secret Service into the White House, and at whose request in these archived files.

We request a waiver of fees on the grounds that disclosure of the requested records is in the public interest and because disclosure "is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the activities or operations of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

The House Judiciary Committee and House Rules Committee publish newsletters, news briefings, and other materials that are disseminated to the public. These materials are widely available to everyone for no cost. The records requested are not sought for commercial use, and the requesters plan to disseminate the information disclosed as a result of this FOIA request through the channels described above.

If our request is denied in whole or part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOIA. We expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. We reserve the right to appeal a decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

We look forward to your reply to the request within twenty (20) business days, as required under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i). Thank you in advance for your prompt attention and response to this matter.

Sincerely,



Louise M. Slaughter
Ranking Member,
Committee on Rules



John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member,
Committee on Judiciary